

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1 - 9 remain in the application. Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 have been amended.

More specifically, the claims have been amended in response to the Examiner's detailed objections, as follows:

- Claim 1 has been amended to allow for proper antecedents and to avoid double inclusions. Also, the language surrounding the "hypocycloid path" has been changed so as to assure that the method step is properly understood. The milling cutter is moved so that its axis follows a hypocycloid path. The part is cut (contact-cut) when the path reaches the cusps (i.e., the tips of hypocycloid rays). At the time, the shaped part is rotated about its axis. The part is introduced in the preamble as being "annularly axially symmetrical" and the "axis" is then introduced inferentially in the last line of claim 1.
- Claim 2 has been amended to provide a proper antecedent basis for the "pressed part."
- The "dedicated" tool of claim 8 was intended to clarify that the functional recesses are cut with a separate tool that is specifically dedicated to just that cutting process. The amended claim 8 now requires at least two tools, namely, a first tool for the undercut and a second tool for the functional recess.
- Claim 9 has been amended to avoid the double inclusion, as pointed out by the Examiner.

Should any further objections or questions remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone counsel so that the matter may be resolved and this application may be prepared for issue.

The indicated allowability of the claims is appreciatively noted. We agree with the Examiner that the claimed invention is patentable over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9 are solicited.

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